

DISASTER NEWS

Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of all Sizes

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SBA ANNOUNCES NEW HOURS FOR ASSISTANCE CENTERS

ENTERPRISE, Ala. – The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) today announced new hours for the Business Assistance Center and Disaster Loan Outreach Centers now open to assist disaster victims that sustained damage due to the severe storms and tornadoes that occurred on March 1, 2007.

SBA representatives will be on hand to answer questions and issue disaster loan applications. FEMA representatives will be on hand to provide assistance to residents.

"Providing individual assistance is an important part of what we do to help people recover from a disaster," said Frank Skaggs, Director of SBA Field Operations Center East. "We want homeowners, renters and business owners who were affected by this disaster to come to a center to speak face to face with our Customer Service Representatives. We also want to remind those who have been issued applications to bring their completed applications in as soon as possible. We cannot provide assistance for disaster victims until we receive completed applications from them."

The times and locations of SBA assistance centers are:

Business Assistance Center

Coffee County

Enterprise Civic Center 711 Crawford Street Enterprise, AL 36330

Hours: Monday – Friday; 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., until further notice

Disaster Loan Outreach Centers

Dale County

Echo Community Build 8714 E. County Rd. 36 Ozark, AL 36360 Hours: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Monday – Saturday, until further notice

Dallas County

Town Hall 14761 Main St. Orville, AL 36767

Hours: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday,

Closes: Saturday, March 24 at the close of business

Henry County

County Shop 1023 County Road 53 Abbeville, AL 36310 Hours: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Disaster survivors may obtain an application by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 (1-800-877-8339 for the hearing-impaired), Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. EDT. Business loan applications can also be downloaded from the SBA website at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance. Completed applications should be mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX. 76155.

The filing deadline to return applications for property damage is <u>May 2, 2007</u>. The deadline to return economic injury applications is <u>December 3, 2007</u>.

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For more information about the SBA's Disaster Loan Programs, visit our website at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance.